

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING  
SCROLLABLE CURSORS IN A DISTRIBUTED DATABASE SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

Provided is a method, system, and program for accessing data in a distributed database  
5 environment. A client program receives multiple requests for data from a database object  
satisfying specified search predicates from an application program. Each request includes a  
request for at least one row from the table. The client program transfers a database command  
and a rowset parameter indicating a maximum number of rows to return to a server program  
over a network if the requested row is not maintained by the client program. A data block is  
10 generated with the server program including rows from the database object satisfying the search  
predicates in response to the database command. The rows included in the data block do not  
exceed the rowset parameter. The server program transfers the data block to the client  
program. In turn, the client program returns at least one requested row from the received data  
block in response to one request for the at least one row of data from the application program.

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